Application No.: 10/678,022 Amendment dated: 6/6/05

Reply to Office Action of March 18, 2005

REMARKS

The Examiner indicated that Claims 1, 5-17, and 21-24 are allowed. The Examiner further indicated that claims 37-39 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating the limitations of the base claim. Claim 36 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 37, as such the Applicants believe that claims 36 and 38-39 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the forgoing, reconsideration of claims 36, and 38-39 isearnestly solicited and the Applicants request a notice of allowance for claims 1, 5-17, 21-24, 36, and 38-39.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>18-0987</u>. If a withdrawal is required from Deposit Account No. <u>18-0987</u>, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks cite Attorney Docket Number **ALM.P.US0001** for billing purposes.

If the Examiner has any suggestions or comments for placing the claims in better form for allowance a telephone call to the undersigned attorney would be greatly appreciated.

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